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Department of Correction Prison Industries Manager Earns National Honor

Indianapolis, Indiana (October 10, 2008)—The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) has selected Doug Evans, Indiana Department of Correction's (IDOC) Prison Industries Operations Manager at PEN Products, to participate on the first national All Industries Team. As a member of this team, Doug will receive advanced training as an offender workforce development specialist (OWDS) and will be able to take this training back to Indiana to train others.

As part of this elite group, Evans will not only further develop his knowledge and skills to provide valuable workforce development programs for those who have completed their term of imprisonment, but he will also have the opportunity to participate in constructive collaborations with others in the field to help identify best practices for Indiana. The goal is to position offenders leaving prison to abandon the criminal lifestyle and accept the responsibilities of hardworking, law-abiding citizens.

PEN Products teaches job skills and promotes a strong work ethic in offenders. Workforce development programs such as these help reduce offender idleness in addition to providing valuable skills for successful re-entry.

"This selection by the National Institute of Corrections once again demonstrates the high quality of employees in the Indiana Department of Correction," stated IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss. "I could not be more pleased to extend my congratulations to Mr. Evans."

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